



## National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information National Adoption Information Clearinghouse



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*Gateways to Information: Protecting Children and Strengthening Families*

## National Organizations with Local Chapters

The following national organizations and programs have local chapters in States and communities across the country. Please call the national office or go to the Web site to identify a local office near you.

### **AVANCE, Inc. (AVANCE)**

National Headquarters  
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San Antonio, TX, 78207  
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URL: <http://www.avance.org>

AVANCE's mission is to provide support and education services which will strengthen low-income families. AVANCE's focus is on community-based intervention that is family-centered, preventive, comprehensive, and continuous through the integration and collaboration of services. The AVANCE Family Support and Education Program is an example of one of AVANCE's programs: Targeted primarily at Hispanic at-risk parents with young children, the program aims to strengthen parent-child relationships and the parental role of advocate for the child.

### **Alliance for Children and Families**

11700 West Lake Park Drive  
Milwaukee, WI, 53224-3099  
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URL: <http://www.alliance1.org>

The Alliance is an association representing private, nonprofit child and family service organizations. Its members provide an array of services ranging from residential care to domestic abuse prevention and intervention. The mission of the Alliance is to strengthen the ability of its members to serve and advocate for children, families, and communities. The Alliance was formed by a merger between Family Service America and the National Association of Homes and Services for Children in 1998.

### **Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)**

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Washington, DC, 20001-2085  
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The Child Welfare League of America is the oldest national organization serving vulnerable children, youth, and their families. CWLA provides training, consultation, and technical assistance to child welfare professionals and agencies while also educating the public on emerging issues that affect abused, neglected, and at-risk children. Through its publications, conferences, and teleconferences, CWLA shares information on emerging trends, specific topics in child welfare practice (family foster care, kinship care, adoption, positive youth development), and Federal and State policies.

### **National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information**

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The Children's Bureau  
Administration for Children and Families  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



**Circle of Parents**

200 South Michigan Ave.  
17th Floor  
Chicago, IL, 60604-2404  
Phone: (312) 663-3520  
URL: <http://www.circleofparents.org>

Circle of Parents, a collaboration of Prevent Child Abuse America and the National Family Support Roundtable, provides parent self-help support groups to anyone in a parenting role. These groups offer parents a place to discuss the challenges of raising kids and exchange ideas.

**Family Support America (FSA)**

20 North Wacker Drive  
Suite 1100  
Chicago, IL, 60606  
Phone: (312) 338-0900  
Fax: (312) 338-1522  
URL: <http://www.familysupportamerica.org/>

Family Support America works to strengthen and empower families and communities so that they can foster the optimal development of children, youth, and family members. FSA accomplishes this by identifying and connecting individuals and organizations that have contact with families; by providing technical assistance, training and education; and by promoting the voice of the family.

**Healthy Families America (HFA)**

200 South Michigan Avenue  
Suite 1700  
Chicago, IL, 60604  
Phone: (312) 663-3520  
Fax: (312) 939-8962  
URL: <http://healthyfamiliesamerica.org>

Healthy Families America is a program of Prevent Child Abuse America which promotes child health and development and positive parenting through voluntary home visits by trained staff.

**Meld: Programs to Strengthen Families**

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Minneapolis, MN, 55401  
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URL: <http://www.meld.org>

Meld offers educational and support services for parents, trains family service providers to apply best practices in their work with families, and publishes a broad range of resource materials for parents and the people who work with them. Meld offers nine special programs (see Major Initiatives below) that use the peer-led, self-help model of parents learning from each other.

**National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds (ACT)**

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The mission of the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds is to build and maintain a system of services, laws, practices, and attitudes that prevents child abuse and neglect. The Alliance assists Children's Trust and Prevention Funds at the State and national levels.

**National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse**

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Toledo, OH, 43606  
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Fax: (419) 535-1989  
Toll-Free: (800) 924-2643  
Email: [info@preventchildabuse.com](mailto:info@preventchildabuse.com)  
URL: <http://www.preventchildabuse.com>

The National Exchange Club Foundation focuses on improving the lives of children and families through the prevention of child abuse. The Foundation works to counter abuse by working directly with parents through the parent aide program. The Foundation also coordinates a nationwide network of nearly 100 Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Centers which use the parent aide program and provide support to families at risk for abuse.

**National Resource Center for Community-Based Family Resource and Support Programs (FRIENDS)**

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URL: <http://www.friendsnrc.org>

FRIENDS is the National Resource Center for the Community-Based Family Resource Services program (CBFRS). FRIENDS supports State efforts to create a statewide network of community-based, family-centered, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs. The goal is to strengthen families and lessen the occurrences of child abuse and neglect. FRIENDS (it stands for Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Services) offers a range of services to assist States, Tribal organizations, and local programs in developing community-based family resource programs and networks. FRIENDS is part of the Children's Bureau Training and Technical Assistance Network.

**Parents Anonymous, Inc.**

675 West Foothill Boulevard  
Suite 220  
Claremont, CA, 91711-3475  
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Email: [parentsanonymous@parentsanonymous.org](mailto:parentsanonymous@parentsanonymous.org)  
URL: <http://www.parentsanonymous.org>

Parents Anonymous helps parents provide nurturing environments for their families. The organization is dedicated to strengthening families through strategies that promote mutual support and parental leadership. For State and local contacts, visit the Parents Anonymous Web site.

**Prevent Child Abuse America**

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Prevent Child Abuse America is committed to promoting legislation, policies, and programs that help prevent child abuse and neglect, support healthy childhood development, and strengthen families. Working with chapters in 37 states and the District of Columbia, Prevent Child Abuse America provides leadership to promote and implement prevention efforts at the national and local levels.